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SUBJECT: ECUADOR CAPTURES PERUVIAN FISHING BOAT

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 7 THE CAPTURE OF THE PERUVIAN FISHING BOAT "NITY PAITA" WITHIN ECUADOR'S 60 MILE EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE ON AUGUST 6. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNTS THE BOAT WAS CAPTURED WITHIN 20 MILES OF THE COAST AND CONTAINED 40 TONS OF FISH.

2. A FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE CONFIRMED TO THE EMBASSY THE ESSENTIAL CORRECTNESS OF THE PRESS REPORTS AND SAID THAT THE GOE WAS TRYING TO PLAY DOWN THE SEIZURE BECAUSE OF THE UPCOMING CELEBRATION WITH PERU AND CHILE OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF SANTIAGO (ESTABLISHING THE 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIM).

3. HERVAS SAID THAT THE PROBLEM HAD BEEN RESOLVED AND THE BOAT HAD DEPARTED OR WAS ABOUT TO. THE CAPTAIN CLAIMED THAT
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HE HAD NOT FISHED IN ECUADOREAN WATERS AND THAT HAD MERELY APPROACHED PORT FOR PROVISIONS. THE GOE DID NOT BUY THAT STORY AND HERVAS SAID HE BELIEVED (THOUGH NOT CERTAIN) THAT THE CAPTAIN HAD BEEN FINED BEFORE THE BOAT WAS RELEASED.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE ECUADOREAN NAVY REPORTEDLY CHALLENGED TWO JAPANESE FACTORY SHIPS AND CLOSELY OBSERVED

THE MOVEMENTS OF TWO OTHER BOATS EARLIER THIS YEAR, THIS IS
THE FIRST ACTUAL SEIZURE IN 1977. SCARCITY OF TUNA, THE
OBSERVANCE OF LICENSING REGULATIONS, AND A LESS AGGRESSIVE
GOVERNMENTAL ATTITUDE HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR THIS LACK OF
CONFRONTATIONS. WE SURMISE THAT THE NITY PAITA WAS AN
ESPECIALLY BLATANT INFRACTION.
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